

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1146

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Britney Thornton, Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated their time and energies toward enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Britney Thornton, a community organizer who is being honored at the Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards in recognition of the leadership and service she has provided to the people of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Britney Thornton is a proud native Memphian from Orange Mound; a master social worker, licensed K-8 educator, and former law student, she has found her passion as a community organizer; and

WHEREAS, founder of the nonprofit organization JUICE Orange Mound, Ms. Thornton continues to challenge systems of oppression by thinking of new and creative ways to address old issues; she has mobilized residents to invest more than \$12,200 in spare change to fund community-based initiatives; and

WHEREAS, having lived in Thailand for a year as an English as a foreign language teacher, Ms. Thornton enjoys being a global citizen; through her travels, she has visited eighteen countries, including India, Cambodia, Vietnam, England, Belize, and Ghana; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Baylor University and the University of Pennsylvania, Ms. Thornton received the 2020 President's Volunteer Service Award; and

WHEREAS, courageous in her efforts to assist fellow residents in transcending the realities of generational poverty, Ms. Thornton is a change agent whose commitment to

excellence and community service is representative of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Britney Thornton upon her recognition at the Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards, applaud her outstanding community leadership, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend our best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.